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**Amendments to the Specification**

Additions are indicated by underlining and deletions are indicated by ~~strikethrough~~.

**A. Please replace the paragraph at page 1 lines 22-27 with the following amended paragraph:**

One method for improving properties of polypeptides has been to attach non-peptide moieties to the polypeptide to improve properties thereof. For instance, polymer molecules such as polyethylene glycol (PEG) ~~have~~~~has~~ been used for reducing immunogenicity and/or increasing serum half-life of therapeutic polypeptides and for reducing allergenicity of industrial ~~enzymes~~. Glycosylation has been suggested as another convenient route for improving properties of polypeptides such as stability, half-life, etc.